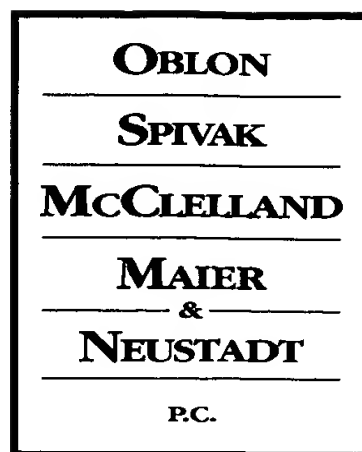




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/108,705
Applicants: Tetsuro MOTOYAMA
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Reply to Examiner's Response (in triplicate)

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Respectfully submitted,

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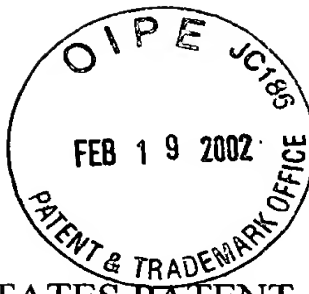
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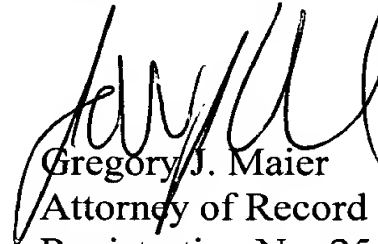
On January 25, 2002, the Examiner of the above-identified application mailed a Response to Applicant's Remarks. Such a response is clearly improper and expressly prohibited by 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) and MPEP § 1208.03. A call to the Examiner, followed by a call to the Examiner's supervisor resulted in statements from the Examiner and her supervisor that this practice was permitted as there was no new rejection.

What the Examiner has presented is a Supplemental Examiner's Answer which is clearly prohibited under the rules and regulations governing the PTO, and it is respectfully requested that the Response mailed by the Examiner be removed from the file or alternatively, the applicant be given the opportunity to response to such Response.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Board strike the Response mailed by the Examiner on January 25, 2002 or the Board provide an opportunity for the Applicant to respond in writing to the Response.

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